

Comment on the proposed conservation of usage of *Chrysodema* Laporte & Gory, 1835 and *Iridotaenia* Deyrolle, 1864 (Insecta, Coleoptera) by the designation of *C. sonnerati* Laporte & Gory, 1835 as the type species of *Chrysodema*
(Case 3193; see BZN 59: 185–187, 281)

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I support this proposal wholeheartedly, as it will conserve the existing usage of the generic names for two large, well known and widely studied groups of beetles.

Comment on the proposed conservation of *Pelastoneurus* Loew, 1861 (Insecta, Diptera)
(Case 3130; see BZN 59: 196–197)

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We support the application of Brooks, Wheeler & Evenhuis (made under Article 23.9.3 of the Code) for conservation of the generic name *Pelastoneurus* Loew, 1861 by suppression of the generic name *Paracleius* Bigot, 1859. Although it is a junior synonym, the name *Pelastoneurus* has been used by almost all authors for this diverse and widespread genus of flies. Suppression of the generic name *Paracleius* has been previously recommended by Robinson (1970) and Dyte (1975).

Furthermore, use of the senior synonym *Paracleius* would continue to cause confusion with the generic name *Paraclius* Loew, 1864, which is used for a separate nominal genus with a nearly cosmopolitan distribution. The genus *Paraclius* was established by Loew (1864, p. 97) in the same publication in which he (pp. 99–100) considered *Paracleius* to be a senior subjective synonym of *Pelastoneurus*. In proposing the name *Paraclius*, Loew (1864) indicated that he was creating a new genus that was not congeneric with *Paracleius* Bigot, 1859. Loew stated (1864, pp. 99–100) that he saw ‘no inconvenience in retaining the newly coined name . . . *Paraclius*, for the new genus I intend to establish and to define here’. However, Kertész (1909, p. 230) emended the spelling of *Paracleius* Bigot, 1859 to *Paraclius* and listed *Paraclius* Kertész as a senior synonym of *Pelastoneurus* Loew. Apparently Kertész was not aware that his emended name was preoccupied by *Paraclius* Loew, 1864. This confusion has continued with several regional catalogues (namely Foote et al., 1965; Robinson, 1970; Dyte, 1975 and Negrobov, 1991, but not Dyte & Smith, 1980) incorrectly treating *Paraclius* Loew, 1864 as an emendation of *Paracleius* Bigot, 1859. Despite this confusion Robinson (1970) correctly listed *Paracleius* as a senior synonym of *Pelastoneurus*, although this synonymy was not listed in the other regional catalogues mentioned, including the one by Dyte & Smith (1980).

Additional references

Kertész, C. 1909. *Catalogus Dipteriorum Hucusque Descriptorum*, vol. 6. 362 pp. Budapest.